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VINH-THANH HOA RAIL LINE
 QUI VINH, NORTH VIETNAM
 1915N 10540E TO 1916N 10542E

1. POST-STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED]

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BY US AIRCRAFT TO THE VINH - THANH HOA RAIL LINE IN THE VICINITY OF THE QUI VINH RAILROAD BRIDGE OVER THE SONG HOANG MAI (RIVER).

2. SINCE THE DESTRUCTION OF THE RAILROAD BRIDGE ON 09 APRIL 1965, THREE BY-PASS RAIL LINES HAVE BEEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION. ONE OF THESE CROSSINGS, WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN COMPLETED, HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO AIR STRIKES AND IS UNSERVICEABLE. ANOTHER IS UNSERVICEABLE (EITHER DAMAGED OR UNDER CONSTRUCTION), AND WORK ON THE THIRD BY-PASS HAS NOT YET REACHED THE RIVER.

3. TWO SHORT, NARROW GAUGE RAIL TRACKS HAVE BEEN LAID PERPENDICULAR TO THE RAIL LINE JUST WEST OF THE QUI VINH RAILROAD STATION, JOINING THE MAIN LINE WITH THE NORTH BANK OF THE SONG HOANG MAI (RIVER). ALONG THESE TRACKS LARGE STACKS OF COVERED MATERIAL ARE OBSERVED TO BE SMOKING AND PARTIALLY DESTROYED. THE QUI VINH RAILROAD STATION HAS BEEN DAMAGED, AND THREE BUILDINGS IMMEDIATELY WEST OF THE STATION HAVE BEEN DESTROYED/DAMAGED. NUMEROUS FLATCARS (NOT ALL SHOWN ON GRAPHIC), SOME LOADED WITH CANVAS-COVERED MATERIALS, ARE NOTED NEAR THE RAILROAD STATION. A NUMBER OF THE FLATCARS HAVE BEEN DAMAGED OR DESTROYED. SEVERAL STACKS OF VEHICLE TIRES, RAILS, AND RAIL TIES ARE OBSERVED ALONG THE RAIL LINE NEAR THE

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DAMAGED RAILROAD STATION. SIX AAA SITES (THREE OF WHICH ARE OCCUPIED) ARE NOTED IN THE VICINITY.

4. EARLIER AIR STRIKES RESULTED IN THE DAMAGE/DESTRUCTION OF THIRTY-FIVE RAILCARS AND ONE LOCOMOTIVE IN THE QUI VINH AREA.

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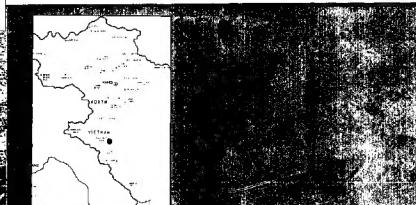
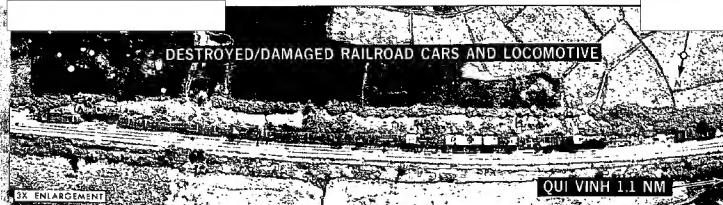
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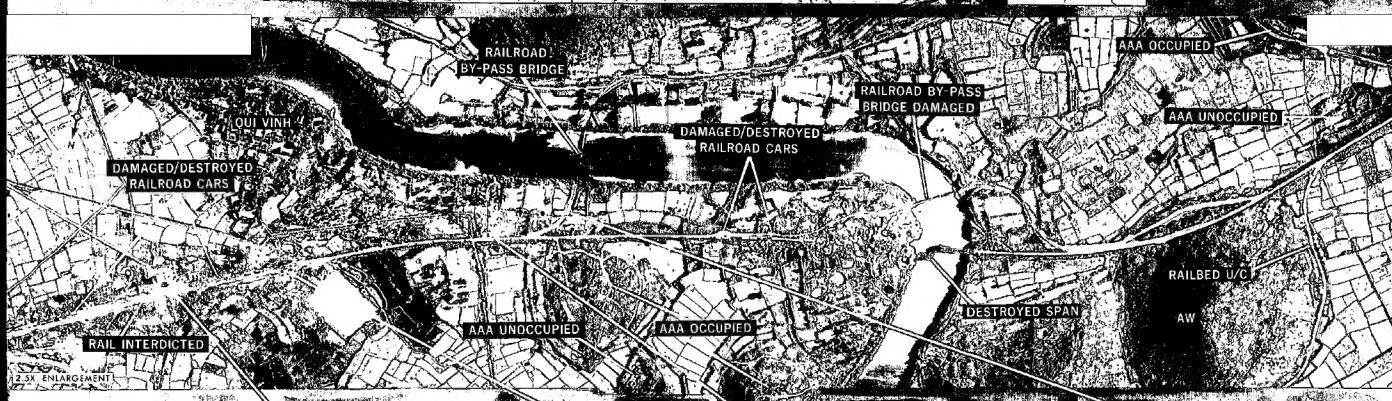
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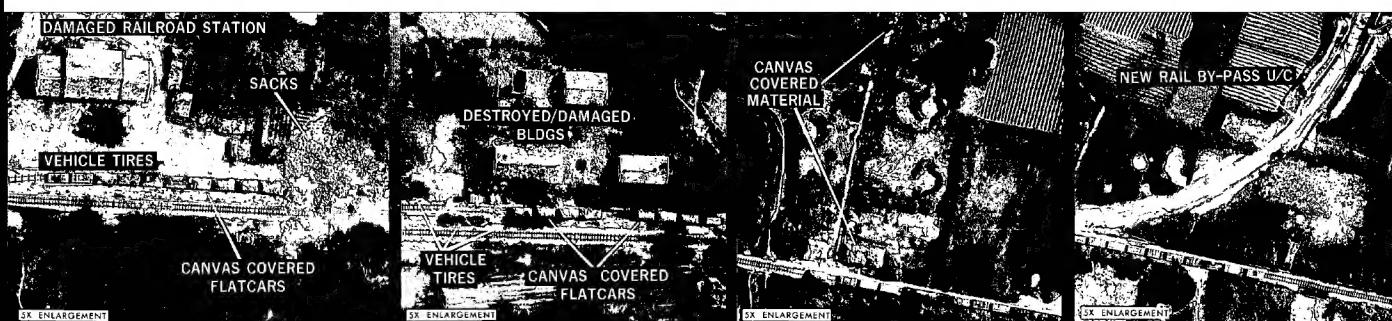
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